

MINISTRY OF WATER & ENVIRONMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

UGANDA

IRRIGATION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (ICRP)

LOAN NUMBER: P163836

**ASSIGNMENT: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR EXTENSION SERVICES AND IMPROVING
ACCESS TO AND USE OF QUALITY AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FOR KABUYANDA IRRIGATION
SCHEME IN ISINGIRO DISTRICT.**

REFERENCE NO: MWE/CONS/20-21/00044

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Irrigation for Climate Resilience Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for **Consultancy Services for Extension Services and Improving Access to and Use of Quality Agricultural Inputs for Kabuyanda Irrigation Scheme in Isingiro District.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include: (i) Provide the needed assistance to the existing extension agencies in the targeted irrigation scheme to establish and implement an intensive and effective extension support to assist the targeted farmer groups in making optimal use of the irrigation facilities provided by the project under component 1 (ii) Train District Local Government field extension workers to technically backstop and provide needed (extension) support to lead farmers, representing the different farmer groups in the irrigation scheme, in providing supplementary irrigation, on-farm water use management and scheduling, soil (fertility) management, additional knowledge and skills in good agricultural practices for increased production and productivity; improved food and nutrition security and sustainable land management practices (iii) Demonstrate and assist farmers in the selection and organizing the joint purchase through the project matching grant facility of the proper on-farm irrigation equipment (iv) Train and support one or two lead-farmers per farmer group to facilitate extension support to their group members through Farmer Field Schools (FFS) on different potential crops that will benefit from supplementary irrigation in combination with on-farm demonstrations and exchange visits (v) Improve farmers’ access to and utilisation of quality agricultural inputs.

The implementation period of the assignment is for the initial 24 months from the date of contract effectiveness and is expected to commence in November 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/tendersprocurement>.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:

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(i) A Minimum of five (05) years of core business as a consultant in undertaking contracts of a similar nature in management, agricultural development, and building capacity of communities/farmers with specific knowledge and experience in irrigated crop agronomy; food and nutrition security; Sustainable Land Management.

(ii) Submit the firm's organogram to demonstrate the firm's technical and managerial capability.

(iii) Experience of at least two (2) similar assignments of similar scope and nature in the following areas: community/stakeholders engagement (mobilizing, sensitizing and training) of target beneficiaries and other relevant stakeholders especially for commercialized agriculture programs. The experience in these different areas could have been obtained from one assignment or from different assignments provided the Consultant can demonstrate two similar assignments in each of them.

(iv) Experience in similar conditions with at least one (1) project in Sub-Saharan Africa or other countries in the world at similar level of development as Sub-Saharan Africa.

(v) Presence of appropriate skills among staff in the areas of; Project Management, Agronomy, Expertise in agricultural extension, Expertise in Food and nutrition security, Expertise in Sustainable Land management, and Social development. (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts).

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank procurement regulation.

Expressions of interest (**One original plus two copies**) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) by **21st February 2022**.

The packages must be clearly marked "**Expression of interest for provision of Consultancy Services for Extension Services and Improving Access to and Use of Quality Agricultural Inputs for Kabuyanda Irrigation Scheme in Isingiro District**."

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